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LISTED BELOW ARE THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE
TRANSMITTED WITH THE REFERENCE:

- 1.A. NO
- B. DOES NOT ARISE
- C. NO FORMAL LICENSE IS REQUIRED,BUT A PRACTICING
ENGINEER MUST OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM GSL TO WORK
IN SRI LANKA.
- D. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS
- E. A VISA HAS TO BE OBTAINED FROM GSL

2. YES-INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, SRI LANKA
WIJERAMA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 7,--ABOUT 1,500 MEMBERS

- 3.A. NO
- B. NO
- C. YES
- D. THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR ESTABLISHING A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE.

4.A. THERE ARE NO FORMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL
PARTICIPATION.
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B. SINCE UNEMPLOYMENT IS HIGH, ALL POSTS OTHER THAN
MANAGERIAL WOULD HAVE TO BE RECRUITED LOCALLY.

- 5.A. YES
- B. CONTRACTS ARE USUALLY MADE BY NEGOTIATION AND/OR
PRICE BIDDING.

C. IT IS LEGALLY POSSIBLE TO ADOPT NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS
WHICH ARE PRECEDED BY PREQUALIFICATION.

D. YES

E. NOT ROUTINELY, BUT WHEN CONTRACT IS NEGOTIATED

F. NO

6. NO

7. YES

8.A. YES-ON PROFITS FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN SRI LANKA

B. 66 PERCENT

C. TAXES AT RATES APPLICABLE TO RESIDENT COMPANIES
NAMELY A TAX OF 60 PERCENT ON PROFITS PLUS A RE-
FUNDABLE TAX (TO SHAREHOLDERS) OF 33 1/3 PERCENT IN
RESPECT OF DIVIDENDS DECLARED OUT OF TAXABLE PROFITS.

D. IF THE OVERSEAS BRANCH IS INCORPORATED AS A LOCAL
COMPANY, THEN THE TAX RATES APPLICABLE WILL BE AS
TO RESIDENT COMPANIES. IF IT IS NOT SO INCORPORATED,
IT WILL BE TAXED AS A NON-RESIDENT COMPANY.

E. YES-A SMALL PERCENTAGE

9.A. YES-WITH RESPECT TO SERVICES RENDERED IN SRI LANKA

B. AN EMPLOYEE IS LIABLE TO INCOME TAX EITHER AS A
RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL IF HE IS IN SRI LANKA FOR MORE
THAN SIX MONTHS OR AS A NON-RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL.
RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS ARE TAXED A PROGRESSIVE RATES
VARYING FROM 7 1/2 PERCENT TO 50 PERCENT AND NON-RESIDENT
INDIVIDUALS FROM 15 PERCENT TO 50 PERCENT.

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10.A. MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION, POWER AND HIGHWAYS (IRRIGATION
AND LAND DEVELOPMENT; CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD-
ELECTRICAL UNDERTAKINGS; HIGHWAYS); (B) MINISTRY OF
HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION (BUILDINGS AND HOUSING);
(C) MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION (TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING).

11.A. SINHALA, ENGLISH AND TAMIL

B. TRANSITIONAL STAGE NOW IN SWITCHING OVER TO THE METRIC
SYSTEM.

12. BETWEEN 35 TO 40 PERCENT.

WE REGRET THE DELAY IN THIS SUBMISSION AS MANY GSL
AGENCIES WERE INVOLVED AND RESPONSE SLOW (BUT THOROUGH).
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